

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Please review this draft carefully and note the following:

1. Although the instructions referred to DHS establishing the bridge programs, I assumed that while DHS would approve programs, it would not itself establish the programs, as is the case under current law.
2. The bill does not specify which states' programs that bridge programs could be designed to supplement. Let me know if you would like the bill to provide that DHS may approve bridge programs to supplement, for instance, only programs offered in the states that border Wisconsin.
3. I did not amend s. 146.40 (5) (a), stats., which requires DHS to promulgate rules specifying standards for approval of nurse aide instructional programs. Let me know if you would like me to explicitly provide that DHS may (or shall) promulgate rules specifying standards for approval of bridge programs, or if you would like me to explicitly exclude bridge programs for purposes of the rule-making requirement.
4. Note that, under the bill, nurse aides who take bridge programs would be subject to the same competency examination requirement as nurse aides who take a full program.
5. 2011 Wisconsin Act 120 allows DHS to accept certain military service and training in lieu of an instructional program under current law. Let me know if DHS should be permitted to accept military service and training in lieu of a bridge program as well.

Please let me know if you would like any changes, and let me know if a delayed effective date should be added to the draft for any reason. Thank you.

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